

PROGRESS REPORTS

Updated grades will be available on PupilPath in the middle of each marking period. Parents will receive a letter reminding them of this availability. A reply-slip needs to be signed and returned to the adviser.

REPORT CARDS

Distributed four times per year. Parents will need to sign one copy and return it to school.

OUTSIDE LUNCH (7th & 8th grade)

- A privilege allowed with parent consent
- Lunch card will be given if lunch forms and paperwork have been submitted to the main office and student had attendance rate of 95% and higher.
- Privilege may be taken away as a consequence of not following school rules.



NUMERICAL GRADES	LEVEL	STANDARDS	
90-100	4	Exceeds proficiency standards	Passing
70-89	3	Meets proficiency standards	Passing
60-69	2	Approaching basic standards	Failing
50-60 45 (No work)	1	Below standards	Failing

SPECIAL WEDNESDAY PROGRAMS

- YMCA
- Special Art Classes
- Health or Dance Classes
- Internship
- Student Council / Peace Patrol (as the need arises)

END OF THE YEAR TRIP: QUINIPET

- May 17-19, 2017
- 3 days and 2 nights of teambuilding, nature, science, history, and camaraderie
- \$390 – payable by full or by monthly installments
- <http://www.quinipet.org>

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Students nominate and teachers vote for the student/s who exhibit TRCS core values of **Respect, Responsibility, Scholarship, Community Service**

September: Respect for School Rules

October: Positive Attitude

November: Honesty

December: Initiative

January: Responsibility

February: Citizenship

March: Helpfulness

April: Self-control

May: Leadership

June: Academics



classroom

Middle School Mini Handbook

BASIC INFORMATION YOU NEED TO KNOW



Developing Leaders for the Renaissance of New York

School Year 2016-17

Name: _____ Class: _____

Adviser /Homeroom: _____ Email Address: _____

Welcome to school year 2016-17!

- Special shout out to the new members of the middle school family – the 6th grade students and parents!
- Our new 8th grade students will now be models of good behavior and attitude in the middle school.
- Be sure to read all the contents of this mini-handbook.



TEACHERS AND STAFF

- Principal: Stacey
- SMT MS Admin: Dan
- Student Support: Suzanne, Laurie, Raymond
- Cluster 2 Co-coordinators: Ram & Amanda
- Student Council : Ariel
- Gr. 6 Teachers: Renay, Andrea, Michael
- ELA: Ariel, Vincent
- Literacy Specialist: Amanda
- ICT ELA: Elinora
- ENL: James
- Social Studies: Pierre & Emily
- Science: Dan, Yaacov, Joanne
- Math: Ram & ET (ICT)
- Math Skills: Dhari, Ram, Raymond, Yianna
- Spanish: Helen
- Theatre: Rebekah S.
- Music: Jonathan
- Arts: Robert
- MS Counselor: Pat
- 2nd Floor Staff: Mary
- 82nd After School – Jessica



LOCKER POLICY

- Use assigned locker throughout the year
- Only use official TRCS lock (\$5)
- No sharing/switching lockers
- Locker times are strictly followed
- Lockers must always be locked

MS WIKI (No account needed)

www.trcsmshw.wikispaces.com

- Cluster reminders
- Dates to remember
- State test online links/materials
- All other MS concerns

PUPILPATH.COM

- Account needed
- Assignments and grades
- Log-in on parent and student accounts



ADVISORY (7th & 8th Graders)

- Officially starts at 8:20am
- School attendance is checked here
- 15 minutes everyday + one full period per week
- Social emotional learning and academic conferencing
- Reminders for the day are announced

AGENDA/PLANNER:

- Payment is included in our \$25 MS fee.
- Your daily organizer of homework and assignments
- Passport for outside-the-classroom passes
- Should be regularly monitored by parents.

MS STUDENT COUNCIL

- Advisory representatives will serve on student council
- Suggest, initiate, implement, evaluate, student-related activities and issues.

PEACE PATROL

- Implements peaceful transition and locker times.
- Monitors and reports adherence and infractions of MS routines.

MS FEE (\$25)

- Should be paid by each student
- Includes payment for: student planner, dues for community supplies (tissue paper, paper towels, copy paper, soap, hand sanitizer...) and other miscellaneous student expenses for the middle school

MEDIA CENTER RULES

- PCs and Chrome books are for official schoolwork only.
- Students should be supervised by a teacher or staff
- Chairs and table should be returned to their original set-up after every use
- Printing is for official school work only upon approval of a teacher/staff.

"The function of education is to teach one to think intensively and to think critically. Intelligence plus character - that is the goal of true education."
Martin Luther King, Jr.

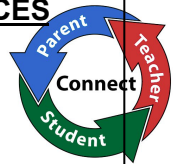
MS TRIPS AND ACTIVITIES

- Orientation Day
- Rensizzle
- Pepsizzle
- Thanksgiving Feast
- Ice Skating
- Bowling
- Festival of Lights
- Holiday lunch-out in neighborhood
- Various subject educational trips
- End of the year trip at Quinipet
- 8th grade prom night
- Middle school Field day



PARENT-TEACHERS CONFERENCES

- An opportunity to get and give feedback about our child.
- Timed conferences (5 minutes per parent/s)
- In some cases, these are student led.
- First come, first served basis
- See TRCS calendar for specific dates.



SCHOOL BOOKS ISSUED

- Should be checked-out (scanned) by the school personnel
- Should be labeled with the student's name and class
- Should be checked-in (scanned) again at the end of the school year.
- No report cards will be issued if the book is not returned/paid for and the student will be charged for the book



Valuable online tools:

www.pupilpath.com
www.trcsmshw.wikispaces.com
www.renaissancecharter.org

